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Dear Mr. Heppe:

Please find enclosed a copy of the RCRA Preliminary Assessment (PA) for Westates Carbon-Arizona, Inc., EPA ID # AZD 902 441 263. This PA was completed to meet the requirements for the Environmental Prioritization Initiative which requires that all sites be reviewed and then ranked based on their environmental significance.

If there are any questions, please contact me at (415) 744-2086.
Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bridget Coyle
HI, AZ, NV, & Pacific Islands Section

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PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT SUMMARY MEMORANDUM

SUBMITTED TO: Rachel Loftin, EPA Region IX Site Assessment Manager

PREPARED BY: Colin Moy, Ecology and Environment, Inc.

DATE: September 21, 1992

SITE: Westates Carbon-Arizona, Inc.
2523 Mutahar Street
Parker, Arizona 85344

EPA ID#: AZD902441263

**E & E REVIEW/
CONCURRENCE:**

PM Keiger 10/7/92

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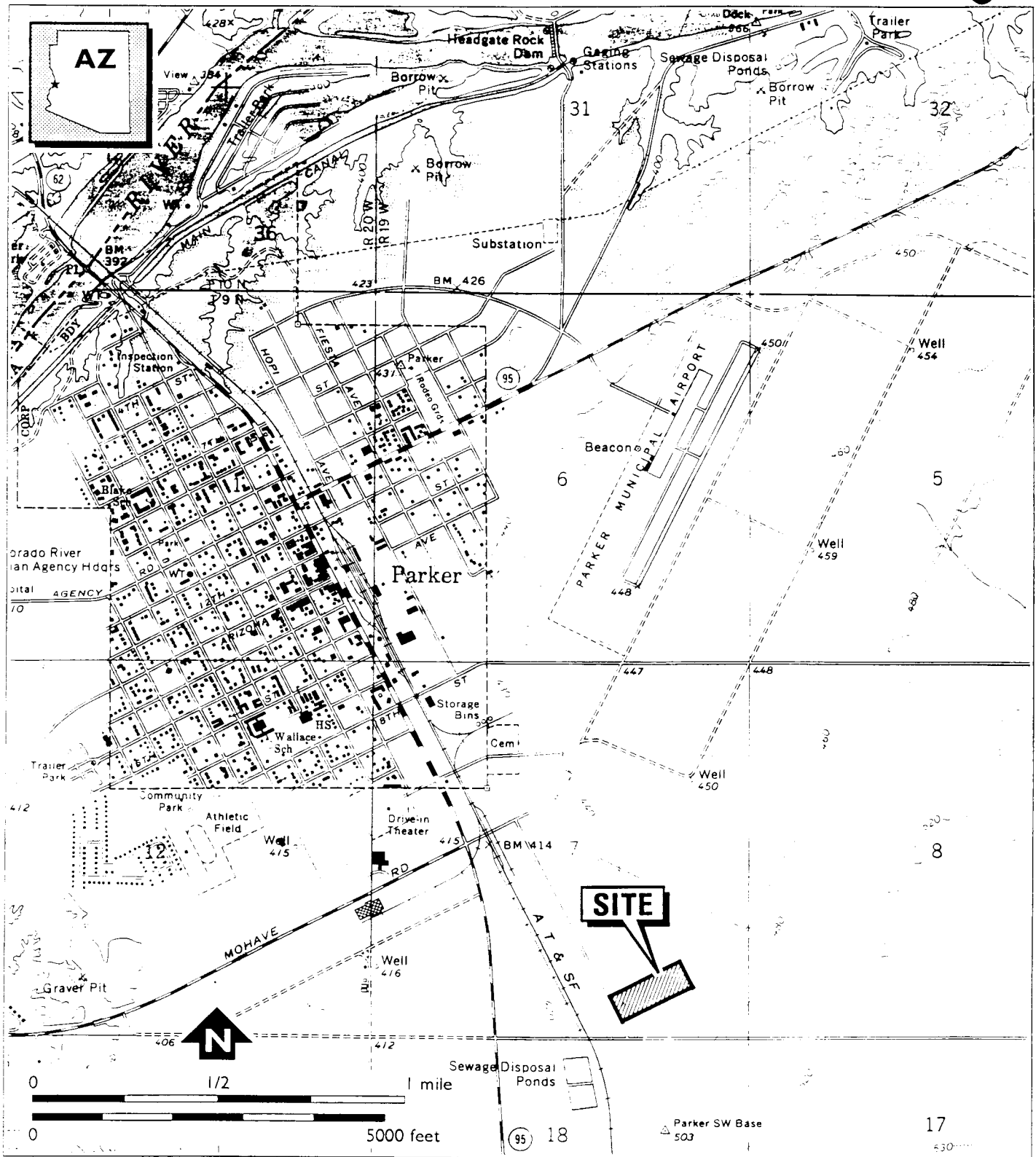
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Butch Kramer	Indian Health Services	602/669-2137	7/27/92	See Contact Report.
A.J. Badistone	La Paz Co. Health	602/669-1100	7/27/92	See Contact Report.
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Oran Yazzie	CRIT Fish & Game	602/669-9285	7/27/92	See Contact Report.
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E & E PERSON MAKING CONTACT: Colin Moy		DATE: 4/24/92
SUBJECT: Permit status and construction timetable		
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DEPARTMENT: Environmental & Agriculture Regulatory Office		
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The Tribe has a lease agreement allowing them to regulate treatment, storage and disposal activities, and air emissions permits. He is currently reviewing the Contingency and Health & Safety Plans to be approved by May 1992. He is hoping EPA will assist in annual RCRA inspections, but the Tribe plans to contract a third party consultant to do air emissions compliance monitoring. The facility is on-track to start-up on July 1.

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DEPARTMENT: Native American Tribes		
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E & E PERSON MAKING CONTACT: Colin Moy		DATE: 4/30/92
SUBJECT: Department Involvement		
SITE NAME: Westates Carbon-Arizona, Inc.		EPA ID#: AZD902441263

EPA reviewed the Environmental Assessment in 1989 and at that time there were no regulations requiring any permits.

EPA Native American Tribes section is currently not involved with the site. RCRA section has the lead.

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AGENCY/AFFILIATION: Indian Health Services		
DEPARTMENT: Office of Environmental Health		
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2.		
E & E PERSON MAKING CONTACT: Colin Moy		DATE: 7/27/92
SUBJECT: Groundwater Wells		
SITE NAME: Westates Carbon-Arizona, Inc.		EPA ID#: AZD902441263

The state only maintains records of wells located on the Colorado River Indian Tribe (CRIT) property, of which there are four within 4 miles of the site. There are two more purveyors; City of Parker (Frank Sevino, 669-9265) and County of La Paz (A.J. Badistone, 669-1100). Private wells within 4 miles consist of two wells owned by the Big River Indian Reservation, San Bernardino, California, which serves 3,000 people, other non-permitted shallow wells ("sand point" wells at 20 feet) and irrigation wells (Rusty Jordan Farms, 669-6413 or 662-4700).

The CRIT wells serve 4,000 people. Depth to groundwater is 80-100 feet below ground surface and flows from the northeast to the southwest. Service water is currently not blended from any other source, however, there are standby valves to blend water from the City of Parker and the Colorado River for emergency purposes. The drinking water meets all primary standards, but dissolved solids do not meet secondary standards. Barry Pollack (EPA Region IX, 415/744-1852) maintains water quality records for these CRIT wells.

CONTACT REPORT

AGENCY/AFFILIATION: La Paz County		
DEPARTMENT: La Paz County Health Department, Environmental Section		
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COUNTY/STATE/ZIP: La Paz, California 85344		
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2.		
E & E PERSON MAKING CONTACT: Colin Moy		DATE: 7/27/92
SUBJECT: Groundwater Use		
SITE NAME: Westates Carson - Arizona, Inc.		EPA ID#: AZD902441263

His department does not monitor drinking water wells, however, there are County-owned parks which have irrigation and drinking water wells. He suggested calling the state Department of Water Resources (602/542-1553), or Department of Environmental Quality for well records. The Environmental Section regulates the county septic system, food protection, and trailer park. The county has 14,000 residents, but increases to 500,000 people during the carnival months. Parker City has 3,000 residents.

CONTACT REPORT

AGENCY/AFFILIATION: Parker City		
DEPARTMENT: Planning & Zoning Department		
ADDRESS/CITY: POB 609, 1314 11th Street, Parker City		
COUNTY/STATE/ZIP: La Paz, Arizona 85344		
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E & E PERSON MAKING CONTACT: Colin Moy		DATE: 7/27/92
SUBJECT: Flood Plain Information		
SITE NAME: Westates Carson - Arizona, Inc.		EPA ID#: AZD902441263

The City of Parker is no longer considered zoned in a 100-year flood plain. FEMA removed this area from the maps and is zoned as Zone C, very low probability.

The city also has a population of 2,835 (1990 census).

CONTACT REPORT

AGENCY/AFFILIATION: Colorado River Indian Tribes		
DEPARTMENT: Dept. of Fish and Game		
ADDRESS/CITY: Route 1, Box 12, Parker		
COUNTY/STATE/ZIP: La Paz, Arizona 85344		
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2.		
E & E PERSON MAKING CONTACT: Colin Moy		DATE: 7/27/92
SUBJECT: Sensitive Environments and Endangered Species		
SITE NAME: Westates Carbon-Arizona, Inc.		EPA ID#: AZD902441263

Within the Parker area, the Federally endangered or threatened species on CRIT property are the following:

- o Humpback sucker, and
- o Desert Tortoise.

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E & E PERSON MAKING CONTACT: Colin Moy		DATE: 7/15/92
SUBJECT: Construction Status		
SITE NAME: Westates Carbon - Arizona, Inc.		EPA ID#: AZD902441263

Robert Babbit, environmental project manager, no longer works with Westates Carbon. Roger Wilson is the acting environmental coordinator until a permanent person is assigned. Mr. McCue said parts have not arrived and construction is still in-progress. At the earliest, construction might be completed by early August, virgin carbon may be treated by late August, and hazardous waste could be treated by September.

Robert Babbit was working on the Part B documents (Contingency Plan, Operation Plan, Health & Safety Plan, etc.) but the status is unknown.

Mr. McCue suggests calling back in early August to check their construction status.

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E & E PERSON MAKING CONTACT: Colin Moy		DATE: 6/22/92
SUBJECT: Start-up Schedule		
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Prestart-up activities are in progress. This involves line flushing, systems testing, etc.

Operators will take their hazardous waste training on July 13, 1992. Non-hazardous wastes will be tested first.

By August 1, 1992 they anticipate to be into full operation of the first hazardous waste boiler/industrial furnace.

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DEPARTMENT: Site Assessment Program		
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E & E PERSON MAKING CONTACT: Jim James		DATE: Aug 1992
SUBJECT: EPI PA Completion Date		
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The site is currently under construction and conducting various stages of start-up testing. Hazardous waste storage and treatment is not anticipated until September or October 1992. Due to possible future delays in start-up, EPA has decided that this site is not appropriate for investigation under the EPI PA program at this time.

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E & E PERSON MAKING CONTACT: Colin Moy		DATE: 9/14/92
SUBJECT: Plant Startup Status		
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Westates Carbon completed a trial start-up and plant run without any carbon last month. Only one furnace was tested. The second furnace is still under construction. They may begin virgin carbon treatment soon, but no hazardous waste.

The CRIT has approved the Operation Plan and will forward a copy. The on-site Emergency Response Plan and Contingency Plan is under review.



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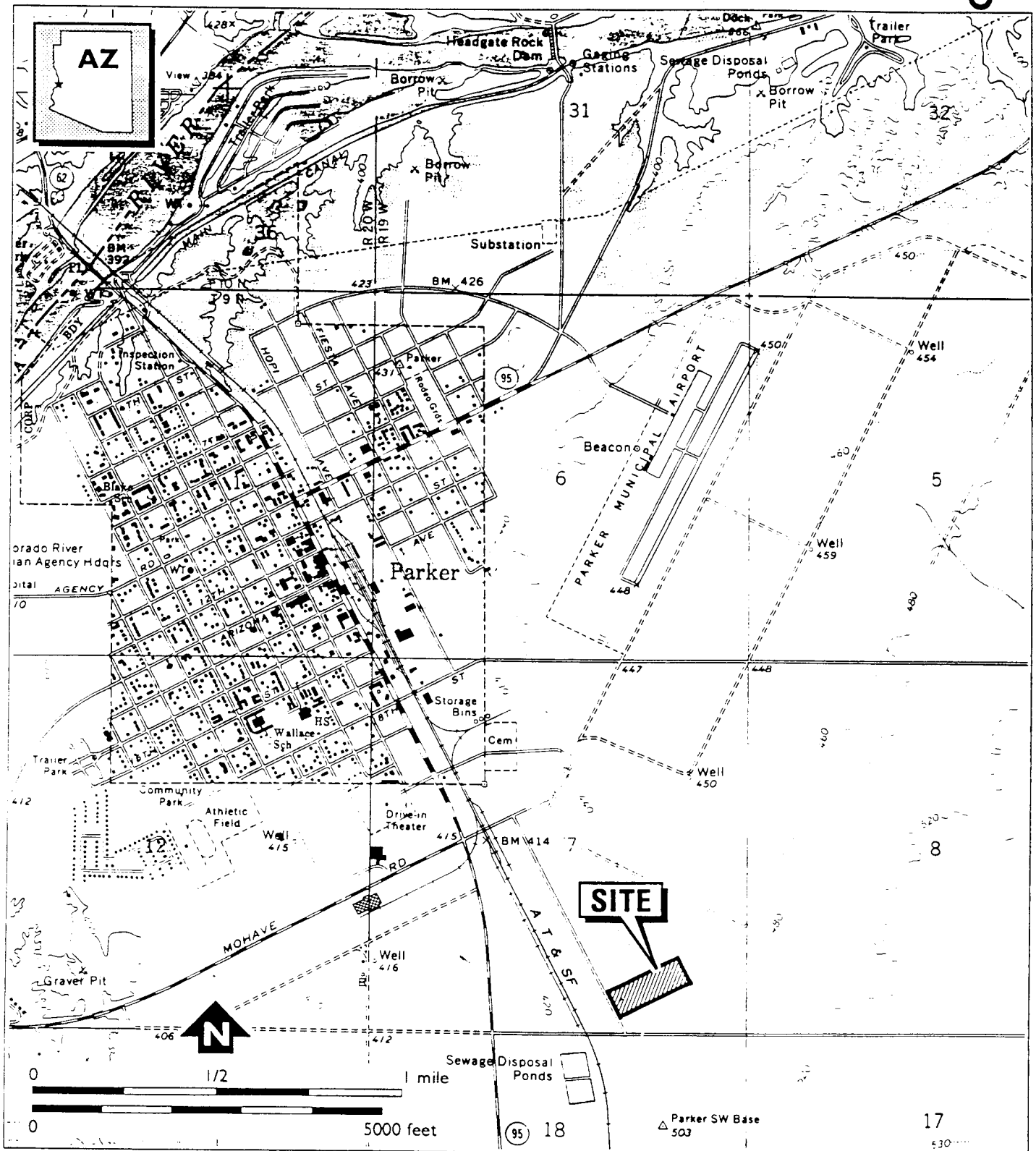
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E & E PERSON MAKING CONTACT: Colin Moy		DATE: 4/24/92
SUBJECT: Permit Status		
SITE NAME: Westates Carbon-Arizona, Inc.		EPA ID#: AZD902441263

The Tribe has a lease agreement allowing them to regulate treatment, storage and disposal activities, and air emissions permits. He is currently reviewing the Contingency and Health & Safety Plans to be approved by May 1992. He is hoping EPA will assist in annual RCRA inspections, but the Tribe plans to contract a third party consultant to do air emissions compliance monitoring. The facility is on-track to start-up on July 1.

CONTACT REPORT

AGENCY/AFFILIATION: U.S. EPA Region IX		
DEPARTMENT: Native American Tribes		
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E & E PERSON MAKING CONTACT: Colin Moy		DATE: 4/30/92
SUBJECT: Department Involvement		
SITE NAME: Westates Carbon-Arizona, Inc.		EPA ID#: AZD902441263

EPA reviewed the Environmental Assessment in 1989 and at that time there were no regulations requiring any permits.

EPA Native American Tribes section is currently not involved with the site. RCRA section has the lead.

CONTACT REPORT

AGENCY/AFFILIATION: Indian Health Services		
DEPARTMENT: Office of Environmental Health		
ADDRESS/CITY: Route 1 Box 12, Parker		
COUNTY/STATE/ZIP: La Paz, AZ 85344		
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2.		
E & E PERSON MAKING CONTACT: Colin Moy		DATE: 7/27/92
SUBJECT: Groundwater Wells		
SITE NAME: Westates Carbon-Arizona, Inc.		EPA ID#: AZD902441263

The state only maintains records of wells located on the Colorado River Indian Tribe (CRIT) property, of which there are four within 4 miles of the site. There are two more purveyors; City of Parker (Frank Sevino, 669-9265) and County of La Paz (A.J. Badistone, 669-1100). Private wells within 4 miles consist of two wells owned by the Big River Indian Reservation, San Bernardino, California, which serves 3,000 people, other non-permitted shallow wells ("sand point" wells at 20 feet) and irrigation wells (Rusty Jordan Farms, 669-6413 or 662-4700).

The CRIT wells serve 4,000 people. Depth to groundwater is 80-100 feet below ground surface and flows from the northeast to the southwest. Service water is currently not blended from any other source, however, there are standby valves to blend water from the City of Parker and the Colorado River for emergency purposes. The drinking water meets all primary standards, but dissolved solids do not meet secondary standards. Barry Pollack (EPA Region IX, 415/744-1852) maintains water quality records for these CRIT wells.

CONTACT REPORT

AGENCY/AFFILIATION: La Paz County		
DEPARTMENT: La Paz County Health Department, Environmental Section		
ADDRESS/CITY: 703 11th Street, Parker		
COUNTY/STATE/ZIP: La Paz, California 85344		
CONTACT(S)	TITLE	PHONE
1. A.J. Badistone	Environ. Health Director	602/669-1100
2.		
E & E PERSON MAKING CONTACT: Colin Moy		DATE: 7/27/92
SUBJECT: Groundwater Use		
SITE NAME: Westates Carson - Arizona, Inc.		EPA ID#: AZD902441263

His department does not monitor drinking water wells, however, there are County-owned parks which have irrigation and drinking water wells. He suggested calling the state Department of Water Resources (602/542-1553), or Department of Environmental Quality for well records. The Environmental Section regulates the county septic system, food protection, and trailer park. The county has 14,000 residents, but increases to 500,000 people during the carnival months. Parker City has 3,000 residents.

CONTACT REPORT

AGENCY/AFFILIATION: Parker City		
DEPARTMENT: Planning & Zoning Department		
ADDRESS/CITY: POB 609, 1314 11th Street, Parker City		
COUNTY/STATE/ZIP: La Paz, Arizona 85344		
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E & E PERSON MAKING CONTACT: Colin Moy		DATE: 7/27/92
SUBJECT: Flood Plain Information		
SITE NAME: Westates Carson - Arizona, Inc.		EPA ID#: AZD902441263

The City of Parker is no longer considered zoned in a 100-year flood plain. FEMA removed this area from the maps and is zoned as Zone C, very low probability.

The city also has a population of 2,835 (1990 census).

CONTACT REPORT

AGENCY/AFFILIATION: Colorado River Indian Tribes		
DEPARTMENT: Dept. of Fish and Game		
ADDRESS/CITY: Route 1, Box 12, Parker		
COUNTY/STATE/ZIP: La Paz, Arizona 85344		
CONTACT(S)	TITLE	PHONE
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E & E PERSON MAKING CONTACT: Colin Moy		DATE: 7/27/92
SUBJECT: Sensitive Environments and Endangered Species		
SITE NAME: Westates Carbon-Arizona, Inc.		EPA ID#: AZD902441263

Within the Parker area, the Federally endangered or threatened species on CRIT property are the following:

- o Humpback sucker, and
- o Desert Tortoise.

CONTACT REPORT

AGENCY/AFFILIATION: Westates Carbon - Arizona, Inc.		
DEPARTMENT:		
ADDRESS/CITY: 2523 Mutahar Street, Parker		
COUNTY/STATE/ZIP: La Paz, Arizona 85344		
CONTACT(S)	TITLE	PHONE
1. Monte McCue	Plant Manager	602/669-5758
2.		
E & E PERSON MAKING CONTACT: Colin Moy		DATE: 7/15/92
SUBJECT: Construction Status		
SITE NAME: Westates Carbon - Arizona, Inc.		EPA ID#: AZD902441263

Robert Babbit, environmental project manager, no longer works with Westates Carbon. Roger Wilson is the acting environmental coordinator until a permanent person is assigned. Mr. McCue said parts have not arrived and construction is still in-progress. At the earliest, construction might be completed by early August, virgin carbon may be treated by late August, and hazardous waste could be treated by September.

Robert Babbit was working on the Part B documents (Contingency Plan, Operation Plan, Health & Safety Plan, etc.) but the status is unknown.

Mr. McCue suggests calling back in early August to check their construction status.

CONTACT REPORT

AGENCY/AFFILIATION: Westates Carbon - Arizona Inc.		
DEPARTMENT:		
ADDRESS/CITY: 1230 Leo Avenue, Los Angeles		
COUNTY/STATE/ZIP: Los Angeles, California 90040		
CONTACT(S)	TITLE	PHONE
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2.		
E & E PERSON MAKING CONTACT: Colin Moy		DATE: 6/22/92
SUBJECT: Start-up Schedule		
SITE NAME: Westates Carbon - Arizona Inc.		EPA ID#: AZD902441263

Prestart-up activities are in progress. This involves line flushing, systems testing, etc.

Operators will take their hazardous waste training on July 13, 1992. Non-hazardous wastes will be tested first.

By August 1, 1992 they anticipate to be into full operation of the first hazardous waste boiler/industrial furnace.

CONTACT REPORT

AGENCY/AFFILIATION: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency		
DEPARTMENT: Site Assessment Program		
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E & E PERSON MAKING CONTACT: Jim James		DATE: Aug 1992
SUBJECT: EPI PA Completion Date		
SITE NAME: Westates Carbon - Arizona, Inc.		EPA ID#: AZD 902441263

The site is currently under construction and conducting various stages of start-up testing. Hazardous waste storage and treatment is not anticipated until September or October 1992. Due to possible future delays in start-up, EPA has decided that this site is not appropriate for investigation under the EPI PA program at this time.

CONTACT REPORT

AGENCY/AFFILIATION: Colorado River Indian Tribes Environmental Protection		
DEPARTMENT: Environmental & Agriculture Regulatory Office		
ADDRESS/CITY: Route 1, Box 23-B, Parker		
COUNTY/STATE/ZIP: La Paz, Arizona 85344		
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2.		
E & E PERSON MAKING CONTACT: Colin Moy		DATE: 9/14/92
SUBJECT: Plant Startup Status		
SITE NAME: Westates Carbon-Arizona, Inc.		EPA ID#: AZD902441263

Westates Carbon completed a trial start-up and plant run without any carbon last month. Only one furnace was tested. The second furnace is still under construction. They may begin virgin carbon treatment soon, but no hazardous waste.

The CRIT has approved the Operation Plan and will forward a copy. The on-site Emergency Response Plan and Contingency Plan is under review.

REPORT TRANSMITTAL

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Date delivered to H-8-1: October 7, 1992

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